

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy**

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Investigation by the Department on its own motion as to the propriety of the rates and charges set forth in the following Tariff: M.D.T.E. No. 14, filed with the Department on June 16, 2006, to become effective July 16, 2006, by Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts.		
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D.T.E. 06-61

**Optimum Global Communications Petition For Limited  
Participation Status**

Optimum Global Communications, (“Optimum”) hereby submits its petition to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) for limited participation status in the above captioned proceeding, pursuant to 220 CMR 1.03. Optimum is a certified competitive local exchange carrier in the State of Massachusetts and its office is located at 450 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Optimum is a Massachusetts non-facilities reseller of telecommunication services purchasing such services from Verizon Massachusetts (“VZ-MA”) through commercial agreement and Total Services Resale.

Optimum’s provisioning and continued wholesale purchase of lines of its residential end users under Total Services Resale is mandated where access lines are located in rural areas and Resale services are at a lower wholesale cost than the commercial agreement replacement. Allowing VZ-MA to halve the Resale Discount Percentage would cause Optimum substantial harm and impede its ability to serve end users in all areas of the State.

A significant portion of its present and future end users are economically served through Resale and Resale only, Optimum seeks to protect its interests by participating herein. Optimum’s interests in this matter cannot be adequately addressed or represented by any other party in this proceeding.

For the above reasons Optimum will be substantially and specifically affected by the Department's investigation and decision in this docket.

Wherefore, Optimum respectfully requests leave to become a limited participant in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Optimum Global Communications

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